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1. [REDACTED] Accompanied General Walters to a meeting of the Intelligence Operations Subcommittee of Senate Appropriations Committee on the subject of contacts with White House staff members and others on matters pertaining to the Watergate incident. See Memorandum for the Record.

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2. [REDACTED] Talked to Tom Kennedy, Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee staff, House Foreign Affairs Committee, who asked me if I would stop by some time during the next couple days. He would like to get a fill-in on Sam Adams who he understands has recently resigned from the Agency. I told him I would be glad to.

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3. [REDACTED] Talked to John Ritch, Multinational Corporations Subcommittee staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who told me that he is heading up the present staff effort for a full Foreign Relations Committee review of the energy question. He asked if it would be possible to get a briefing for himself and possibly Seth Tillman, of the Committee staff, on the strategic and political questions surrounding the Middle East oil question. This would include Soviet influence on oil supplies and the Arab/Israeli question insofar as it may affect availability of oil. It would be appreciated if the briefing could be in the next several days to assist them in staff planning for Committee hearings which are tentatively scheduled for the end of the month. I told him I would relay the question and be back in touch with him tomorrow. [REDACTED] DDI, has been advised.

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4. [REDACTED] Talked to Mike Finley, Inter-American Affairs Subcommittee staff, House Foreign Affairs Committee, in response to his earlier question concerning a news report of Panamanian attempts to procure Arabian funding (Libya and Saudi Arabia) for a new canal. I told Finley that we had heard a similar report in mid 1972 but we discount the report. We have nothing to confirm this rumor.

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